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Examiner Fortuna:

As I indicated in the voicemail I left for you this morning, we are sending you a proposed agenda for our 11:00 AM telephone interview on January 31, 2007:

- (1) Introduction of Inventors
- (2) Discussion of claimed bonded fiber technology and comparison of sample to non-woven material similar to that of Abed patent
- (3) Discussion of the following proposed amendment to claim 17:  
 17. (Currently Amended) A bicomponent fiber wick for use in processing an analyte fluid, the bicomponent fiber wick comprising:  
   a self-sustaining fluid transmissive body formed from a plurality of bicomponent fibers bonded to each other at spaced apart contact points, the bicomponent fibers collectively defining tortuous fluid flow paths through the fluid transmissive body, wherein each bicomponent fiber has a fiber structure comprising first and second fiber components, each having discrete cross-sectional areas extending continuously along the length of the bicomponent fiber, the first fiber component being formed from a polyamide material, the fiber structure being adapted to provide a predetermined polyamide component ratio equal to a ratio of first fiber component weight per unit volume to overall fiber weight per unit volume  
   wherein the contact points are established between surfaces defined by the first fiber components of the plurality of bicomponent fibers.

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We look forward to our discussion tomorrow.

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